

**Remarks**

Claims 1- 16 and 18-33 are pending in this application. Claims 1-17 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1-2, 7, 10-12, 18, 24, and 27-33 are hereby amended. The amendments are supported by the specification and add no new matter.

**Examiner Interview**

Applicants and their counsel thank Examiner Woolwine for his time and valuable input during the telephone interview held on April 25, 2008 with the undersigned. In that interview, Examiner Woolwine provided helpful suggestions for amending the claims in order to place them in condition for allowance. Applicants have amended the claims as suggested by the Office. In summary:

- (1) Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to remove the recitation of Mg cation concentration;
- (2) Claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 18, 24, 27 and 28 have been amended to add “uncharged” before the phrase “tRNA specific for a specifier sequence ...”; and
- (3) Claims 12, and 29-33 have been amended to add the word “system” after the word “assay.”

**Claim amendments**

In addition to the amendments recited above, claims 2 and 12 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

**Information disclosure Statement**

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner and entry into the record.

**Conclusion**

In view of the amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of such allowance and rejoinder of claims 1-16 are respectfully requested. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned by

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telephone if, for any reason, it is believed that the amendments do not place the claims in condition for allowance.

Should any additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No 03-0172 for any such fees, and Applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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